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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY

1. IN RECENT ARREST OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS, BOLIVIAN POLICE
AUTHORITIES SEIZED \$10,000 IN COUNTERFIET U.S. DOLLARS.
BILLS WERE OF \$50 AND \$100 AND TOTALLED \$5000 WORTH OF EACH.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS HANDLED SAMPLES OF EACH DENOMINATION AND
JUDGES THEM TO BE OF FAIR QUALITY BASED ON HIS LIMITED
KNOWLEDGE. PAPER IS SOMEWHAT STIFF AND BILLS HAVE FADED
LOOK ALTHOUGH THEY APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED VERY
LITTLE IF ANY. ALSO GREEN INK ON BACK HAS SHINY APPEARANCE.

3. BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THESE BILLS ORIGINATED FROM
REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (JCR) EITHER FROM FRANCE
OR COLUMBIO. THEIR REASONING IS BASED ON HAVING RECENTLY
SEIZED A NUMBER OF FALSIFIED PAPERS (INCLUDING BOLIVIAN
PASSPORTS, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS) WHICH THEY
CLAIM WERE IDENTIFIED BY THESE ARRESTED AS COMING FROM THIS
SOURCE.

4. EMBASSY HAS ASKED FOR TWO SAMPLES EACH DENOMINATION TO POUCH
WASHINGTON AND WE ALSO REQUESTED THEY WITHOLD DESTRUCTION UNTIL
SECRET SERVICE CONSULTED. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.

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